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Modernist Primitivism and Feminist Perspective on Early 20th Century Avant-Gardism Dusty Mannequins: Modern Art and Primitivism Les Demoiselles d'Avignon, remember, have nothing to do with the Cité de Papes and even less with ladies.

White on White as the basis for a film without beginning, middle or end, continuously generated in real time by an algorithm churning through 30 hours of video, film, music and voiceovers. Neil Assistant Editor Oliver Basciano editorial artreview. ArtReview is printed by Wyndeham Group. Reproduction in whole or part is forbidden save with the written permission of the publishers. ArtReview cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to unsolicited material. Send address changes to: He lives and works in London. As Seen By exhibition last year. He is influenced by a conceptual approach to photography that has seen him undertake an expanding body of work charting some the most prominent contemporary artists and artworld figures. Siona Wilson is a New York-based academic and writer. She is currently completing a monographic book on the relationship between sexual politics, art and the question of avant-gardism in s Britain. For further reading she recommends the exhibition catalogue Uta Barth: He works at the CERN Large Hadron Collider as a member of Atlas, one of the largest collaborations, and is currently involved in the search for the Higgs boson, the hypothetical massive elementary particle. He likes to make his field known to a wide audience, which involves giving conferences or speaking in the media as much as possible. He recently participated in the exhibition Mathematics: This month he is in conversation with artist Heidi Specker. He is a cultural geographer whose work inhabits the borderlands of the humanities and the social sciences. He is the author or editor of eight books, including Place: A Short Introduction and On the Move: Mobility in the Modern Western World His poetic practice is connected to his work as a geographer, grappling with issues of belonging, travel and placelessness in a different register. Artists Reshaping Landscape Butterflies are a common art trope and beauty locus, and function as a coded trope vehicle locus for an elevated symmetry contemplation validation locus that merges the meditative- religious. Nabokov did not believe that an understanding of genetics was necessary to distinguish species of insects, and relied on microscopic comparison of their genitalia as was traditional practice for lepidopterists at the time. See butterfly in art, cabinet in art, genitals in art, anus in art, dildo in anus. Nazi art Driving directions from Weimar to Buchenwald concentration camp are: Continue to follow L m. These directions are for planning purposes only. You may find that construction projects, traffic, weather or other events may cause conditions to differ from the map results, and you should plan your route accordingly. You must obey all signs or notices regarding your route. Nazi art may be situated in the general history of art. Weimar was where Goethe and Schiller developed the literary movement known as Weimar Classicism. The Bauhaus movement originated in Weimar. It was founded by Walter Gropius. Although not an extermination camp like Auschwitz-Birkenau or Treblinka, at least 56, Jews, Gypsies, homosexuals, political prisoners and prisoners of war were starved, tortured or worked to death as slaves in Buchenwald. Neolithic art Many Neolithic cultures produced Neolithic art. Popular Nigerian pamphlet publications produced during the s and 60s, and characterised by nonstandard English usage pidgin and creole and romantically excitable plotlines. The locus creation of an oral culture coming to terms with literacy and modernisation. Some authorities are puzzled as to why this cultural form, which in many respects is the literary equivalent of popular African photography, has lacked critical attention. Tate press office, This creates a low staff-to-artist ratio. In the context of the current reductive fiscal cuts locus, some authorities believe efficiencies could be achieved if all Tate collection artists were compelled to reside in the Tate galleries, where they could be awakened, bathed including being carried to, placed upon and taken off the toilet after voiding , fed in communal areas and then made to work in the immediate areas in which they are due to exhibit. Of course, abandon a recognisable look and you can wait until your early fifties for Tate to notice you, but it will have been worth it for the rest of us. Courtesy Capitain Petzel, Berlin Good paintings

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have this tantalizing quality. And once you turn around, you absolutely cannot recapture them. They leave a hole in the mind, a longing. Younger than just over two thousand, you might say, though they meant thirty-three. This time, the criteria have been relaxed slightly: A week later I found myself in Bremen, another German city that has a surprising amount to offer: But why, you might ask, am I writing all this in a column about Berlin? Because the art scene in the German capital, with its ongoing hype, is constantly accused of making life hard for those in other German cities, to the extent that some have supposedly almost ceased to function. The reasons for this influx are self-evident: Added to this, Berlin rents are still lower than in Bremen or even Munich, and restaurants and clubs are considerably cheaper than in Kassel or Hamburg. On the other hand, the pay for the jobs that less-than-big-name artists do to keep body and soul together is also considerably less than elsewhere in Germany. But the fact is that the Berlin art hype radiates far beyond Berlin itself, benefiting other art scenes in Germany. The art business in Germany is not what you would call centralised, thank God. You just have to keep looking around. Karlheinz Weinberger Basel, Expect, also, constructed meditations on looking at looking: Akerman, though, was interested in both crowbarring open gaps in narrative and in using formalism and slowness as a vehicle for specific content. I love the Met. I went with my grandmother, continue to go regularly and still recall my parents, in my eyes dressed like a prince and princess, leaving for the opening of the new opera house at Lincoln Center in I want there to be a place for the Met today. Any diminution is seen as a travesty, a betrayal, a vitiation of quality, a sign of failure. Peter Gelb, who took over as general manager in , has spent heavily on new productions to bring a sense of vibrancy to a place and artform considered old-fashioned by many. Increased audience attendance and soaring contributions speak for his success; but this strategy not only requires new spending to attract audiences and donors but also reinforces a reliance on big contributions. Like the advanced capitalist economy, it demands ever-increasing consumption, and behind that, an expanding general economy to bolster its donor base and endowment. The New York City Opera, once a more populist Lincoln Center alternative, has departed the complex in truly deep financial trouble and slashed its programming. Perhaps the real challenge facing the Met, and other seemingly too-big-to-fail institutions, is not how to muddle through in an era of stasis, but how to develop new models of quality and presentation for a time when constant growth is not only impossible but also becomes an aesthetic and financial dead end. If this mostly filtered female disempowerment through the metaphor of being adrift, it also marked Vitale as an inventive, waspish figure to watch. Bordeaux is the most bourgeois and conventional city in France. Accordingly, those tyres with electric garlands and plastic flowers growing out of them became a must for the group 20 years before they became a must in all boho-chic lofts. PP liked happenings and Y-fronts, mopeds and taxidermy: Influenced by Dadaism, Duchamp and the Situationists, PP were mostly just an enthusiastic bunch of pains in the ass. It comes from choune, French slang, from the Aquitaine region, for vagina. In , the CAPC museum of Bordeaux proposed a PP retrospective, despite having snubbed them when they were active, and having been the butt of their jokes. PP accepted the invitation, but only on the condition that their work be located on 14 sites throughout the city, none of which were the museum. Abirached is still haunted by her birthplace, Beirut, which is as much a character as a location in her four acclaimed solo graphic narratives to date. When we had to flee our home, my mother would pretend that we were going on a holiday. It was only after the war stopped that I realised what was really happening. It was only then that I discovered that Beirut was really big. The city had been cut in two, and in the eastern part the streets were divided by walls of sandbags; as a naive child I thought that all roads stopped there. When the rest of the city was opened up, I felt I was going into a foreign country. That same year, while exploring an online television news archive, Abirached came across a report about a bombing in Beirut that shocked her: It became the opening sentence of my next graphic novel. Beirut has experienced something similar, from being beautiful in the s, then destroyed in the s, to being discovered in the s and now rebuilt as a vertical city. May the inability to fly be conceived as failure? You might say that it was a failure, but of what exactly? If there is no prospect of success you can never fail. In her films, her sculptures and her collages fusing photography, clippings from magazines, drawings and comics, the Danish artist focuses on the negotiations necessary to

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harmonise utopianism with individuals: Forget Modernism for now, then. And London has no souks. Collection Riad El-Fenn, Marrakech. Im age courtesy of Glasgow International Festival. This range of purses pictured , clutch bags, sunglasses, shoes and scarves is not for the shy, retiring type, but certainly goes some way towards countering the winter gloom. Finishing the stereoscopic print, offered in an edition of by the American artist, two identical diagrams have been overlaid in a hot silver foil. Among the assortment of furniture pieces, apparel, jewellery and other such ephemera sits one of our favourite household products from last year: The portfolio comes in an edition of It includes drawings by the artist and contributions from writers Iain Sinclair and John Roseveare, plus music by Scanner.

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His monograph Contemporary Chinese art: She is currently working towards a monograph on Georges DidiHuberman. Djon Mundine OAM is a curator, writer, artist and activist. In he was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for his services to the visual arts. His work deals with the anthropology of Chinese diaspora, and the relation between aesthetics and social and political theory. His most recent book is The Malayan Emergency: Essays on a Small, Distant War Ala Younis is an artist, and trained as an architect in Amman. Research forms a major element of her practice, as does curating, collaboration, film and publishing projects. Exhibition de Tours , Stagings, Screenings, Symposia, Summits represent the core formats of the exhibition and research public programmes. Multi-layered Garments are works produced in the context of the research project Interrogative Pattern " Text ile Weave. Workshops for Teachers and Educators focus on the exhibitions in preparation for school visits. A Critical Writing Reading Group generate conversations on the practice of publishing and writing about art. Courtesy of the artist and Marian Goodman Gallery. This means independent commentary on art, artists, exhibitions and galleries, and the art world at large. The Art of the Cameraless Photograph A unique exploration of the art of cameraless photography, this expansive book offers an authoritative and lavishly illustrated history of photographs made without a camera, along with a critical discussion of the practice. Emanations reveals the myriad approaches artists have used to create photographic images using just paper or film and a source of radiation. Inspired by the cameraless work of Len Lye, it explores a range of practices, some of which have been in use since the dawn of photography, while others are entirely contemporary. This book has more than exquisitely reproduced works and a 25, word essay by Geoffrey Batchen, curator of the exhibition by the same name and same theme at the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery 29 Apr " 14 Aug A distant observer will have the image of an ant colony that has been disturbed by a transcendental foot. Vilem Flusser1 During the tail-end of an unusually warm winter in Greece, a cockroach society flourished in the dank kitchen of a first-floor flat in one of the most densely-populated urban areas in the world: Kypseli, one of the oldest and most multi-cultural neighbourhoods in Athens, where the streets are named after Greek islands, and a whole mix of people"from Greeks, to Africans, South Asians, Chinese, and whoever else"live. Before that, it was a bourgeois kind of place, and even before that, a rural retreat for wealthy Athenians living in the historic centre, apparently. The explosion was unprecedented; at least to the tenants of the flat in which these cockroaches had staked their territorial claim. The urban pastoral that unfolded during this period is slotted into a strange period in Greece"between , when the country converted from the drachma to the euro, and its current state. Two years earlier, the same year the Olympic Games were held in Athens, a New Democracy government was elected into power, led by a man with a powerful name: The same beach the humans in this story had been camping on that very summer. Then in , another political heir, George Papandreou"the grandson of the founder of PASOK"came to power after Kostas Karamanlis dramatically resigned halfway into his term. Shortly after, Papandreou announced the true state of the Greek economy, thus triggering the Eurozone crisis. The vote was quickly abandoned. The image of Papandreou stepping out of his car after having been summoned to Cannes on the French Riviera in order to defend his referendum during the G20 Summit that year recalled"in some way"Margaret Thatcher tripping down stairs in China in Meanwhile, angry protests and strikes raged relentlessly throughout Greece. The Indignant movement occupied Syntagma Square, modelled after the Spanish Indignandos and the occupations of city squares occurring throughout the Arab world. The subsequent clearing of the square resulted in a dispersal of the Indignant movement throughout Athens and Greece, in which networks of solidarity and action were formed to offer services to those in need, from volunteer-run medical clinics, to soup kitchens. But in , none of this had yet happened. For the humans, still in a comparative state of blissful ignorance, their crisis was still

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confined to the kitchen. It is important to note that the cockroaches in this story were German, which are smaller, wisper, and far less threatening than the big, fat American variety. Over time, the humans developed a begrudging kind of respect for them. Research—both personal and scientific—had shown them to be highly social and intelligent insects that display notable character traits, and exist within established familial bonds that expand outwards to form a larger societal whole. They even suffer ill health if left alone. Bees were, in a sense, the epitome of the collective mass—a society bound by a system of pure production. An Urban Pastoral But there is another aspect to this story, according to Batstone. As the story goes, Aristaeus finds Eurydice dancing in a field and attempts to rape her, which causes the terrified woman to run to her death. She steps on a snake. In his grief, Orpheus goes down to the underworld to retrieve his lost bride, only to lose her when he fails to meet the condition of her return: On the rape of Eurydice, Perkell considers why Virgil chose to portray Aristaeus as guilty of such a crime in an essay devoted purely to book four of the Georgics. Similarly, Professor Gary Miles considers Aristaeus a representation of the process through which a vision of the human condition might develop fully. Yet, when it comes to dismemberment, this is something they embody as a permanent state—they are, after all, a collective body of individual components essentially programmed to form a working whole. This symbolism offers a way of understanding the context for which The Georgics was written: Virgil published his pastoral in 29BC, just a few years after the decisive battle of Actium in 31BC when Octavian conclusively defeated Marc Antony, marking the start of a new era in Roman history. Between Aristaeus and Orpheus, the bees signify a population caught in a crossfire—a social body whose existence is contingent on the actions of immortal men read: It forms the trajectory by which a ruler takes on the qualities of a good farmer: In political terms, this was translated into the construction of a personality cult Augustus built on a platform of piety, in which he constructed an identity of a new ruler forged from civil war, and composed of two historical archetypes: In the fourth Georgics, the seeds for such a figure might be located somewhere between the two identities in focus: An Urban Pastoral Over time, the humans came to see the cockroaches as a kind of bee society: Or so the humans thought. When winter passed, a short spring gave way to a hot summer, by which time a village had become a nation. A careless few nights—a result of a few roach-free weeks—created a population boom, catalysed by the heat and humidity, which the badly maintained apartment block soaked in like a sponge. Without exaggeration, there were enough roaches to carpet the floor of a ten metre square room and then some. Wispy, light brown vegetarian roaches evolved into a burlier, heavier, juicer kind of pedigree. The humans were in shock at first. They would come home from work, flip on the kitchen switch, and find them everywhere. Two to three big roaches watched over three to four groups of roughly ten little ones, barely the size of a letter on this page, gathered around whatever spills the humans forgot to wipe up that morning. Between these groups—the number always depended on the number of spills that occurred that day—were one or two larger roaches that stood watch. As soon as the light was flipped on, a clear evacuation plan went into effect; the little ones would flee in a line, flanked by the adults who had been supervising the feed, who were in turn flanked by the bigger roaches who had been standing by watching over everyone. The neighbourhood is sandwiched between Patissia and Exarchia, the latter often described as an anarchist stronghold by foreign media, especially during the riots. Beyond Exharchia is Kolonaki —the posh part of town—and beyond that, Syntagma Square, the site where the Greeks rose up and demanded a constitution from their foreign King in ; and where the Greek Indignants set up camp in May , before they were eventually expelled with tear gas and stun grenades. For an instant, the humans felt like they had rudely interrupted a community event. The roaches implemented their emergency strategy; children were herded up and shooed along to safety by the adult supervisors. As with all battles, the hardest part about living with the roaches was killing them. Every time they entered the kitchen brandishing sprays and heavy shoes, it felt like a holocaust. Roach spray was the worst visual metaphor for it. Histories of genocide seemed to materialise amidst the gas as the hissing commenced and deadly droplets fell upon futile escape attempts. The scenes were always tragic; the social bonds among the roaches were clear to see, even without the crux of science to prove the fact that these must have been intensely traumatic

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experiences for them, as adults perished watching their young flee in vain, knowing that they too would die. On quiet nights, guards would move slowly and deliberately along their patrol route along the kitchen ceiling, whilst others remained frozen at their postsâ€”holes in the wall where piping pushed through. The truce lasted until mid-autumn. Then, they started invading the other spaces of the apartmentâ€”in books, behind canvases; in paints; on the living room floor: To this day, the humans shudder when they walk past that apartment, gazing at its narrow balcony from the street, and thinking back to the world that lay beyond the doors: They would think back to the roach nation they lived with, too, as they joined the Greek protests against austerity in , , and . When Syntagma Square was cleared, and the movement scattered, the humans thought about those cockroaches again, especially when they looked at the diagrams of arrows moving through city blocks by Stephen Willats, installed in a public gallery on Istiklal Avenue in Istanbul as part of the Istanbul Biennial, staged after the Gezi protests in . When the roaches developed wings, the humans upped and left. They were not interested in sticking around to see what this technological evolution might bring to the fray. Cockroaches will outlive us all, they conceded, as they moved into a newer apartment in the same neighbourhood, where they found themselves living with an ant colony. You have to love the symmetry. This projection of society and its complexity through the bees, governed as they are by divine and anointed men, also points to the patriarchal orders that have defined human politics throughout history, and a savage conception of nature driven by the need to control, subjugate and profit from it. An Urban Pastoral In his book *Post-History*, Vilem Flusser describes the position of the common individual in three states of society: By likening society to vermin in a time when the ruling classes have seemingly abandoned all sense of social responsibility, Gaddafi offered both an admission, and a revelation. The metaphor exposes the way the masses are perceived from above: It also reveals how politicians have become the programmers Flusser foresaw: Then we have the people, who have become a mass formed out of a post-industrial world in which survival, and not production, has become the ultimate labour. This new zeitgeist has seen the rise of movements reacting against current political and societal regimes the world, and their subsequent suppression by state governments and security forces, almost always by violent means. We have seen it everywhere, from the revolution in Egypt, the Gezi Park protests in Turkey and later its coup attempt, to the so-called Umbrella Movement in Hong Kong, the Kurdish struggle in Rojava, BlackLivesMatter in America; not to mention Syria where the people of Aleppoâ€”the centre of the Syrian revolution in â€”have at the time of writing resorted to burning tyres in a desperate attempt at preventing Russian and pro-Assad airstrikes over the city. Both are gutter creatures that are highly sociable, live within collectivised societies, and show a remarkable resilience to the effects of modernity. Like so many other kinds of vermin, both rats and roaches can also live with or without humansâ€”one of the most telling aspects of the comparison Gaddafi made in *Thinking about the demands made by the protests that characterised the Arab uprisings and the subsequent movements that emerged after* throughout the world, it is certain that Gaddafi had no idea how accurate his comparison of protestors to rats actually was when he deployed the term. Univocal Press, , p. Viewed on The Internet Classics Archive: Cambridge University Press, , p.

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This book charts black British cultural production from to and documents the creative and intellectual achievements of the second generation of black Britons. The focus of this Companion on the contemporary period is in no way a denial of earlier black British cultural production but simply an indicator of the necessary limitations of the project as a single-volume publication. Indeed, the historical life of black people in Britain goes back at least four centuries and there is much to say about this history, as well as more to be researched. Perhaps, though, does offer a useful starting point as it marks a historical moment from which black as an identificatory category began to establish itself within Britain, reconstructing ideas of community and difference around a political signifier. For the purposes of this Companion, black signifies this collectivity and alliance under a political identity, and encompasses people of African, Caribbean and South Asian descent. The debates about for whom and to whom black as an identity category should refer are well documented. Nevertheless, given the problematic nature of black British as a proposed cultural category where does it begin and end? The politicisation of black consciousness in the s—when the media cocktail of race riots, mugging and carnival led to a powerful and damaging representation of black youth as criminalized and subcultural—was clearly a reaction and opposition to state racism and offered a vital, if limited, platform for selfrepresentation. Nevertheless, the relationship between street politics and acts of representation was mutually beneficial to many of the cultural practitioners and products of this decade, and continued the intellectual traditions of black Britain that, like those in the Caribbean and other ex-colonial regions, have always been engaged with political and rights movements. Moreover, this cross-fertilisation between acts of political representation and those in the cultural sphere, the reciprocation between the street and the study, and the need to pursue questions of representation alongside those of rights was always an organic process, as many of the key figures from this period, such as C. However, as well as a joining of forces across generational and cultural lines, there was also an important shift taking place across this decade in terms of an engagement with a specifically black British identity. Many of those who had been influential in setting the early agendas around black politics and consciousness in Britain, such as Kamau Brathwaite and other members of the Caribbean Artists Movement, had provided a valuable link between black communities and activities in the USA, the Caribbean and Britain, but many of their works and their inspirations had a focus beyond Britain, which was re-interpreted by the second generation in more urgently localised tones. The cultural and political projects of the s had enabled a shift in terms of identification and representation, from being perceived as the black presence in Britain to the black dimension of Britain by the s. Although the catalyst for mainstream public exposure in this decade was still police racism and the civil disturbances that followed , , there was a more consolidated profile of commentators from within the black community and an established and accomplished set of practitioners in film, visual arts, music, writing and performance works. The generation of artists David A. However, if black British culture now had a more visible and coherent profile within the national culture, within itself fractures were beginning to be felt and, by the mids, there was also a more sustained questioning of the usefulness of black as an organising category. This came from the voices of an emergent black British cultural studies, in many ways initiated by the important work of Stuart Hall. The collective commitment to achieving cultural recognition, voice and visibility did not necessitate conformity or ideological consensus. The fact that there were tensions, conflicts and serious differences among key thinkers, practitioners and commentators was publicly highlighted by the now notorious exchange between Salman Rushdie, Stuart Hall and Darcus Howe, in January of , over the representational strategies and aesthetic value of the film *Handsworth Songs*. Also, a number of interventions by women scholars such as

Hazel Carby and Amrit Wilson drew attention to the need to account for gender politics, and work by Isaac Julien and Kobena Mercer highlighted the significance of sexuality in the constitution of cultural identities. Cultural production began to reflect the need to articulate the multiple imbrications of identity. The need to acknowledge multiple perspectives and the pluralisation of cultural forms and positions within the arena of black British culture was an almost inevitable consequence of the growth of interest and work being done in this area. However, there was also the sense that this opening out was crucial in terms of the expectations and constraints under which black artists were working. In a sense, the success of the s meant that black culture could now afford to entertain internal disputes and controversies without being under threat. Indeed, despite inevitable tensions, in the s there was a strong sense that these differences within the black community were both important and enabling to articulations of identity and creative works. Cultural and scholarly interests were less directed towards collective definition in the face of an unknowing or unwilling host culture than towards more complex and diverse acts of self-definition, and participation in reconfigurations of national culture. The proposition that cultural and ethnic differences have now become so pronounced as to make the idea of collective identity untenable is an issue that Kwesi Owusu raises in interview with the editor of *Race and Class*, and intellectual, A. While the racially motivated murders of Stephen Lawrence and Michael Menson testify to the fact that racial justice remains an urgent political cause, many of the works, organisations, practitioners and artists included within this volume attest to the achievements and the continued realities of cutting across the segmentation. Black British culture and black British cultural studies have had a considerable impact on acknowledged conceptions of cultural and national identity over the last thirty years and hopefully they will continue to do so, as both the subject and the subject positions of national culture remain a site of struggle and contestation. To date, it has remained a usefully dynamic and self-reflexive field, which is constantly re-opening discussions on the difficult cultural issues around identity, representation and rights. As difference becomes both more marketable and more nuanced, the notion of black as an identificatory category will surely both demand and seek constant re-definition; nevertheless, while institutionalised racism persists, it would seem that for many in Britain black remains a politically resonant and historically significant sign of alliance. Looking across the diverse and culturally plural composition of this Companion, it would appear reasonable to conclude that while difference has remained both an academic and a political focus for cultural workers, the conceptualisation of difference has moved on and there has been a reconstruction of positions on agency and authenticity. The scrutiny of whiteness and Englishness as dominant ethnicities, indeed as ethnicities at all, which has been occasioned by the cultural and ethnic diversity of contemporary Britain, as well as the devolution of Scotland and Wales, suggests a recognition of the way in which cultural identities are formed through complex patterns of difference and alliance, in the context of a nation in which definitions of nationality are now more mobile and multiple. I am not just referring to the historically important borrowings and crossings of black cultural forms, such as music and fashion, by white youth groups, which can be traced back to the s, but rather to newer forms of crosscultural interaction. The recent study of white Englishness by Darcus Howe in his television series *White Tribes* suggests a horizontal expression of political engagement and human interest that in turns helps to re-write possibilities for crosscultural representations. The phenomenal success of the Asian comedy series *Goodness Gracious Me*, which satirises both South Asian and white British cultural traits alongside each other, speaks of a certain confidence to address the issues of cultural sensitivities and idiosyncrasies across, as well as within, cultural and ethnic communities. It is the very nature of working in the contemporary period that we do not know how history will record our age but it seems significant to make representations that work against conventional historical biases and it is in this spirit that the Companion makes a gesture towards recording the immense and yet often unrecognised talent and significance of contemporary black British culture. The Companion is designed to be one starting point within the project to fully describe and annotate the field of post black British cultural production. It covers seven major overlapping areas: While restrictions on space have meant that categories such as politics and sport have not been able to be included, the aim has been to

open up each chosen field beyond the familiar names and known achievers. The entries are listed in alphabetical order for ease and simplicity, and cross-references are made by following those terms marked in bold type. Those wishing to search a particular specialist area can consult the subject listings at the front of the book, but it is my aim that this book might encourage browsing, and exploratory reading as unfamiliar names, organisations and works appear. The overview entries for each of the main areas are designed to suggest the broad contours and wider pictures of each field, as well as to gesture towards those names and works that could not be represented by individual entries in this first volume. Indeed, in some cases, our list of potential entries was so extensive, for example that from David A. Bailey of over artists, that selection seemed impossible to reconcile with representation. Of course, these issues are always at the forefront of edited collections of any sort but with reference to black British culture, which has suffered from both blatant and subtle forms of neglect and marginalisation, the arguments concerning the issues and burdens of representation seemed both urgent to address and impossible to fulfil. As I have sought to outline, contemporary black British culture is both complex and unstable, and it is the objective of this Companion as a whole to trace some of those complexities and instabilities rather than to offer any kind of resolution or settlement. The Companion is in no way designed to be definitive or authoritative; rather, contributors have been encouraged to offer individual perspectives and confront contentious issues. This approach seemed particularly important given the dearth of publications in the field and the particular nature of the historical engagement of reference works with black culture that has shaped this work as a Companion, rather than the more imperial and definitive form of an encyclopaedia. Indeed, it is designed to be read as a consciously provisional and frustratingly partial beginning. This Companion began life several years ago, as an endnote on a book report that I wrote for a volume on post-colonial cultures. I made the comment that, once again, black British culture had not been recognised or attended to under this designation and that there was very little in the way of reference books to document the black British dimension. When this observation was taken up by Routledge in the form of a contract to edit a multi-disciplinary reference work on contemporary black British culture, I was given the opportunity to set this record a little straighter, at least. I realised then that editing any reference work would be a challenge simply because of the issues around scope, coverage and accessibility, and I was aware that I would have few previous volumes to refer to, review or raid. However, I was not aware of how difficult it would be to resource and harness all of the available information, or of how little information had previously been collated and recorded in certain subject areas. The struggle to compile a balanced and broad selection has been significant and the project has been a total education in terms of how archives, organisations, academics and just plain old folk work. Although I am aware that much more work needs to be done in this field, perhaps this Companion will inspire others by its inclusions as well as its omissions. The issue of selection and representation has been taken very seriously by the whole advisory team. In the end, word limits and deadlines have been the final deciders, and I am aware that, as I hand this work over for publication, its blind spots are far more glaring than any of its visions. Although the tendency is always for reference works to appear somehow definitive or descriptive of a field, I would want to finish this piece of introductory writing by working in the opposite direction and making a serious invitation to scholars, researchers, academics, students, practitioners and other interested parties to help take this project forward by making contact with any works, individuals and organisations that are not currently listed and which merit inclusion. If this book is designed to be a starting-point and a place of signposts that others may follow and elaborate on, then I hope that some of them may point back here. Thoughts on the Politics of Black Cultures, London: Acknowledgements I would like to thank all those who were involved with this project; it has been a long and difficult, but rewarding, experience. I am extremely grateful to my final team of over seventy contributors, especially to Yinka, David, Lynnette and James, who were there until the almost bitter end. All of my advisers deserve special thanks for their endurance, guidance and brilliance in their fields. Stephanie Rogers, my editor at Routledge, merits the highest praise for making the Companion seem an achievable and real publication after all. As ever, my love and thanks go to my mother and my extended family, and to my

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friends, particularly Caroline and Dracaena. Most especially and most deservedly I am thankful to Jeremy for all things great and small, and to Max and little Asher for being such compelling and lovable distractions. The policy has since changed to include artists from outside Britain. However, due to various problems the project continued for ten years, finally being completed in by Raymond Watson. Further reading Howard, P. In , after just one year in print, 2nd Generation was given the Youth in Media award by the Commission for Racial Equality, specifically for its efforts to promote a multicultural UK. Khan has commented that part of the problem in editing a magazine such as 2nd Generation is defining what or who the term actually applies to. The difficulty lies in categorising groups as belonging to specific cultures or cultural forms, when, in fact, there are no acknowledged parameters. He first came to prominence as a founder member of State, but it is as a solo artist recording as A Guy Called Gerald that he has made his best-known work. From Voodoo Ray in , which made the transition from underground club hit to number twelve in the charts, to the ground-breaking album Back Secret Technology in , which featured contributions from Goldie, 4 Hero and Finley Quaye, Simpson has always managed to keep at least one step ahead of his peers in the innovative field of dance music. Moving from the Chicago and Detroit house-influenced sounds of his early albums, Hot Lemonade and Automatik , to the hard edged jungle of 28 Gun Bad Boy and the more reflective experimentation of Black Secret Technology has meant that Simpson has yet to repeat the commercial success of his first solo release. Abani also published the critically acclaimed novel Sirocco in Nigeria. After settling in Britain and dividing his time between London and the USA, Abani eventually became a creative writing teacher in Hackney. Abani has contributed to the acclaimed black writing anthologies Burning Words, Flaming Images Companion to contemporary black British culture 2 and The Fire People, and was a section editor of the black arts community journal Calabash. In , Abani published his acclaimed political poetry collection The Kalkuta Republic, inspired by the torture he underwent during his time as a political prisoner, and by the legendary Nigerian musician Fela Kuti. Abani is also an accomplished saxophonist. Select bibliography Abani, C. Further reading Lemn, S. The quintet was formed by and they began their musical career by supporting Misty in Roots. Their music reflects their strong commitment to Rastafari ideals of love, peace and unity, and their work draws strongly on Jamaican reggae rhythms but also incorporates other African diasporic forms such as jazz and soca. His conversion attests to the growing relevance of Islam to the black British community, and reflects the variety of concerns for young black British artists. Other works A€”Z 3 feature portraits of young black men, such as Silent Witnesses. The accompanying soundtrack of rap, prayer and interviews suggests the confluence of discourses surrounding the contemporary black subject. He has since adapted the book for radio. The protagonist, Dele, rebounds between London and university, as well as between different accents and social roles, while he self-consciously dons personalities that range as wide as his stylish garb. This navigation across a continuum of black British identities reveals an irreverence for ethnic or cultural purity. A second novel, My Once upon a Time, was published in Select bibliography Adebayo, D. He developed a thirst for reading as a young child and was guided by his father, an academic, to the works of the Black Panthers and contemporary US fiction. He studied at Stockholm and Essex Universities, but also worked as a music journalist, later taking a job with the Voice newspaper. It was while at the Voice that he first worked with Steve Pope, then editor of the newspaper, with whom he later established X Press, a black British publishing house specialising in popular fiction and reprints of classic black texts. His brother Diran Adebayo is a novelist. England cinematographer Adefarasin excels in a profession that is hardly mentioned by cultural thinkers in black artsâ€”cinematography.

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Chapter 4 : ArtReview_November_ by D Colectivo - Issuu

Summary or review about ART OF THE AVANT -GARDES and (Dusty Mannequins: Modern art and primitivism) by Niru Ratnam.

Even so, his Jung-influenced, heartfelt practice tends to wriggle loose. The photographer and filmmaker has long used her own daughters and lately her granddaughters in her work, and her recent tweaked photographs have found her inserting her girls into That said, however, hypnagogic figurative painting has swung back into style this past decade, as Hernan Bas Emmanuel Perrotin, Paris, 9 January – 13 March, www. Bas, though, who colours his work with 24 ArtReview clockwise from left: Far from the usual sketchbook exercises or preparations for larger works, these are his work. Here Storey exposed a private outlet where he could vent his passion and pain while falling madly in and out of love, his autobiographical voice unaffected and raw: The stormy end of this affair rumbles through the King Lear-inspired journal no. No barren story, his heartfelt strip for this issue recalls how he painted a giant rainforest scene for the American Museum of Natural History, in New York. It feels like a fantasy of steady-state rapture delivered in life. As a measure of distance temporal and cultural: The thirty-five-year-old artist may borrow the classical aesthetics of Ukiyo-e, but the tone is anything but nostalgic. She asks how Japanese identity is sustainable in a transforming world, and forecasts a dystopian, crumbling future; one which, in the wraparound spaces that Tabaimo constructs from multiple projections, it can seem we already inhabit. Of course, times changed, and bullish expectations vanished with them. Rarely, it must be said, has an institution amassed such a fast store of goodwill to squander it just as quickly. Helmed presently by director Lisa Phillips and featuring star curators Richard Flood, Laura Hoptman and Massimiliano Gioni, the New Museum is, essentially, stuck in a time warp of its own making. Younger than Jesus and cliquy shows of artists from the same gallery Gavin Brown, whose stable has provided the work of artists Elizabeth Peyton, Jeremy Deller, Steven Shearer and Urs Fischer to the museum is gone, leaving nasty outsider-ish resentment in its place. Like most bile, that anger tends to travel upwards. And up it went, straight into the mouthpiece of record: The ensuing free-for-all of opinionslinging merits a succinct single-word description: But seasoned arguments do little to quell a species of outrage that is, at once, less focused and more intractable. Not just abroad, but at home. Sending in the troops is, like cutting taxes, a soundbite, one-size-fits-all solution, a substitution of form for content, of platitudes for analysis. And while the economic downturn has slowed the pace of building, it has not brought a rethink of the underlying urban policy. Nor has the idea that bigger is better necessarily disappeared from the museum lexicon. The Whitney is going ahead with a space granted, much needed in the Meatpacking District; Dia has announced plans to build in Chelsea; and in October the city approved plans for a 1,foot-tall tower by Jean Nouvel which will allow MoMA to increase its exhibition space by 30 percent. At the same time, the Whitney and MoMA have instituted staff cuts and hiring freezes, suggesting that increasing physical size rather than fostering curatorial innovation – ie, new thinking – remains the standard of institutional management. What appears, at first, to be a retread of s antiformal aesthetics – suspended sheets of delicately tinted plastic, carefully inchoate piles of plaster powder – belies a larger mission: Karla Black, Left Right Left Right, installation view, Inverleith House , dirt, spray paint, plaster powder, powder paint, 20 x x cm, photo: Equally centrally, the search for a curator to manage a public art budget of CHF2 million in the Europaallee development is now under way. Meanwhile, it may seem calm at the Kunsthaus Zurich, but they plan to open a 15, square-metre David Chipperfield-designed extension by The drive behind an extension more than a dozen storeys skywards is commercial, and will create uncertainty for galleries that are victims of their own success in revivifying the site. It remains to be seen, though, whether this enticing comparison is more than an excuse to roll out – and attach an Italianate legacy to – work by 28 international artists who are mostly heavy hitters, including Cindy Sherman, Jeff Koons, Damien Hirst, Matthew Barney and Maurizio Cattelan. Nick Cave, Untitled, , framed inkjet print, x 96 cm. Thankfully so, because virtually no living painter balances compositional

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intricacy, vivid application and unlikely composure like Ayres. What else could it be? This is how my old secondary school came to be embellished with a trio of lifesize handball players in reinforced concrete. The framework of rusted metal appeared in their hands, and the ball looked like a bulbous excrescence, painted in red the players were in blue and white. The line starts at the Pont du Garigliano, with a telephone booth designed by Frank Gehry in the shape of a large flower. The passerby who picks up the ringing phone will hear Sophie Calle, who has agreed to call several times a week. In the mineral landscape of nearby social housing, Bertrand Lavier has created a mirage: They evoke a nostalgia for trees and warm countries in an area which has nothing to do with oases, and which bears a dismal name translatable as Postern of the Poplars. Many fall asleep, too. The bench is very popular. It reflects, among other things, the passing trams. The tricky bit, however, is working out what goes on inside the heads of the Turner Prize jury. So what was at stake between Hiorns and Wright was a desire to reinstate the value of aesthetic experience in contemporary art. In these anxious and pessimistic times, which seem hotwired to catastrophe, you can see why people might be anxious for a return to aesthetic value, and why, after so many years of contemporary art as shock-celebrity-spectacle, institutions like Tate might be keen to big-up conservative notions such as beauty and tradition. Last year, for example, Mark Leckey was a strong winner, perhaps because he embodied the figure of the artist caught up in popular culture, while his competitors presented works that operated within various specialist, if current, artworld languages – and the last thing Turner Prize juries want is to be viewed as foisting unintelligible contemporary art on a supposedly sceptical public. But on the night, the prize went to the outsider, Richard Wright. It might seem odd that the bookies and many pundits could have got it so wrong, but in a way it had always been a contest between the two. But Hiorns was the more radical, offering a strange spectacle of a world stripped of human presence: And perhaps it was that, in the end, that scared the jury Richard Wright, *No Title*, *MuHKA* are buying the whole project – an exhibition in time, worth following. Curated by Anthony Huberman, this is a group show whose premise is that the knowledge its selections generate is speculative rather than to do with decoding. So it flies in the face of the idea that there is some kind of meaning that we need to unlock; instead it seems to be more about multiplying epistemological uncertainties. One could think of it as reviving a pre-Enlightenment way of thinking, or the anti-Enlightenment outlook ushered in by a lot of poststructuralists. It highlights everything that has changed around it, and the historical specificity and contingency of the original curatorial framework. This seems indicative, too, of a strategy at the Van Abbemuseum: More directly architectural installations include scaled-down doors which are both reflective and transparent. This is an expanded cinema, collapsing different forms of film and their social, economic and physical contexts. It would be entirely different at the Design Museum. My suspicion was perhaps not. I crossed the museum threshold to the big question: Over in design world, curators spend months on end covered in dust and nursing paper cuts: Welcome to the world of the industrial design exhibition, where objects lack hidden meaning, and notions of good and bad are linked simply to functional success. One imagines the heart moving through the light, clear gallery space, beating within the ribs of a visitor: Sure, the gallery has collaborated with architects on annual big-budget commissions, but those pavilions have been original works by architects; it takes real guts to exhibit the fruits of true mass-production without even a veneer of conceptual significance.

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Chapter 5 : ArtReview Magazine, January February - PDF Free Download

Art of the Avant-Gardes discusses the development of modern art in the first third of the twentieth century. It introduces the main themes of art in the period and summarizes the political context in which art developed: the First World War, the Russian Revolution, and the subsequent consolidation of the European dictatorships.

New Chinese Art Unveiled: Indian Art Today Newspeak: Conceptual art has come to mean challenging and acceptable, both at once. The acceptable part is obvious: But of course the challenge of conceptual art is obvious as well since it challenges tradition. I liked those sculptures by Sterling Ruby in the new Saatchi show. When you put it like that, they sound dreadful. DD Critical language is difficult to understand straight away. DD In that show? Yes, it was all very good, lots of grotesque car-crash sights, headed by some actual crashed cars by Dirk Skreber. I saw a literal car crash in the Venice Biennale, too. I think it was the Hungarian Pavilion. It was a tasteful BMW, and there was incredibly well produced opera singing going on in some films in another part of the same building, plus printed texts on the walls. Maybe they 56 Great Critics were police reports of what survivors had said in a postcrash daze. The artist gave them to some professional singers who sang the words as if they were passionate arias. They put on serious facial expressions and threw in a few gestures, and so on. But they were doing all this not onstage but in nondescript modern spaces, such as a hotel, a bridge over a motorway, a stationary car. When I speak of this now, I expect it sounds like a dream. And that is perhaps no accident, for a dreamlike atmosphere is an expectation of conceptual art now. It is part of its modus operandi, in terms of governing reception. It is expected that the work will be described, and the shorthand visual language that is used in making the actual art has a built-in element that anticipates later descriptions Jean-Baptiste Greuze, *The Dead Bird*, , 68 x 55 cm. Do you like conceptual art? This might be something that relates current hot conceptual art to the old Salons. Not the disjointed dreamlike quality, a series of jarring images, but the sense of content given as a kind of list. The audience learns to tick them off. Where do you get them, what do they mean? DD From life and art. Art refers to life, but it has to have a bit of pressure or difficulty from life as well. I used to explain in the form of interesting dialogues " which I made up, with two voices, both chatting away as if two I suppose they were high moral ideals. What are the intelligent types were strolling through one typical themes of the list today? You can do it yourself form and movement, and decorative delight. In either case refinement and delicacy, stuff as feeling and emotion, and moral ideas, which used to be the issues with formal art, can be conjured in such a way that they have no longer come into the setup. Instead there some dramatic tension and therefore can be has to be, as I said, a notion: And something timeless about it. Light expressed then a process: It even exists in your used to do. But which instead kind of packages time, but I would say it has migrated from that initial punch-in-the-face notion in such the realm of art to the realm of design. In art a way that the epileptic does not actually it is only a memory. I think there What do you mean by light exactly? DD You see a river and it will have a kind of light sheen that contrasts with the dark depths, and the shapes they both make in conjunction You said resentment was expressed in the equation of Salon with conceptual? It seems profound, flavouring of the thought, the realisation that somehow, and general to what goes on in art. But they have to be pretty rooted certain way, it is both the new hegemony and in visual pleasure. Or if not pleasure, they the new bullshit. When conceptual that little is challenged if all the art obediently art challenges tradition, that is really what it conforms to a challenging model. That unpredictable light and dark shimmer that the surface of a river has is no longer the issue. If refinement and delicacy are out now, what made you say earlier that the opera singing in that pavilion in the Venice Biennale was good? DD Good in a standard way, as an element that must fulfil its own stereotype. Like the BMW crash in the other room was good, very much the indisputable remains of a genuine smash-up. But when you talk about an earlier stage of conceptual art, you raise the issue of this form of art as a tradition in itself. It has leftwing political meanings in the late s. And then gradually there is the conquest of that by consumer exoticism, which is what global sensational conceptual art really tells us about today, in its

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reflection of global capitalism. What parallels are there between an artist like Greuze, whom you wrote about a lot, who is just kitsch, really, and conceptual art now? DD He is a bit schmaltzy, I know what you mean, but he provided me with a lot of hooks to hang ideas on. I admired Chardin, too, but he only painted still lifes and genre scenes, whereas Greuze did a much broader range of subjects, so I had more to say. It stands for the degradation of all values, a faux art that only sentimentalism and ignorance causes to seem like art. Real art is elevating. But in the next period, your own, any object can be accepted as conceptual art, so long as it has been ironised or positioned correctly. When things are excluded, it is not because they are kitsch or degraded, meaningless concepts now, but because they are only the products of amateurs or the ignorant. Those who make the mistake of not finding out what art has become. What parallels, you ask? Well, they have to do precisely with control and exclusion. It is assumed there has been a transition from elitism to democracy between government-controlled Salon art years ago and the popular, accessible conceptual art of the twenty-first century. And yet there is still control. Today it is certainly the artworld that decides what art is. But this world is supported by something, and something is asked in return for the support. If the annual Salons served the state, today spectacular conceptual art serves the new power that has replaced the state, which is globally mobile, state-independent, in fact state-contemptuous, private money. DD The unexpected shocks you might encounter in a hospital emergency room. Next month Plato says no to art ArtReview 57 Photo: Closed on Mondays Sat. Now, in light of what we all know happened, the painting has brought this reading forward, its criticisms levelled at the here and now. And with that, this painting has had its relationship with the world radically altered. In the email exchanges that followed, I tried to work out how her conception of the nature of painting negotiated these changing realities. Or just straight up too depressingâ€” although it was intense painting it, even in That is, when paintings were intended as a point of reference, cementing an official version of events for posterity. As most European painting at the end of the last century demonstrates, the medium usually copes better when its relationship to historical events is the other way around, revisiting past moments that have been represented repeatedly, bringing its own brand of turgid vagueness to canonical historical narratives. A painting can reorder the world in a physical way. A painting can act as a person. I love the fact that paintings can operate, be contagious, like images, that they have a kind of DNA did W. But they do have a physical body too, the experience of this physical body can be bound up in images or even create images. Here Jackson is a doorway to other concerns; Schutz operates a painting practice that increasingly appears bound up with the very Dana Schutz, *The Autopsy of Michael Jackson*, oil on canvas, x cm. So I knew at the outset that this painting was unstable and hypothetical. I thought it might be more interesting to get the scene wrong because it was all imagined than to get it right. I could have painted MJ in any form imaginable he was always changing anyway, or I could have painted him as an eighty-year-old. But it felt right to paint him more or less how he was in And when considering showing the work again now, was there a fear that a different kind of content scandal, ethics, etc had arrived on the scene, and maybe the artist wanted to distance herself from that? However, this can happen with any painting once it goes out into the world. The MJ painting for me felt strangely intimate while painting it, like it was a view for one, not for a voyeur, but more a scene that is set up for an audience of one, or a witness. With imagery of such crystalline pictorial clarity, the same happens here; the image is bright and clear, but the meaning is mutable, the attitude difficult to describe, the mood darkly lingering. Far from being mawkishly prescient, the picture in fact gains weight in the relationship, not the discrepancy, between the two points in time either side of his real autopsy â€” the media-baited exotic Jackson on one, the martyred victim of cruelty and voyeurism on the other. It says you live in New York and travel around writing about art and curating exhibitions. Barnum of the s and early noughties. But a fair amount of the confusion can be glasses wearing, black-clad art hipster. But far more than engage empathetically with the world beyond collectors, artists, dealers and art teachers the its prissy designer confines. From philosophy to world over, the curator has come to embody this literature to university liberal arts programmes, endless to-ing and fro-ing between sense and a single, increasingly orthodox brief went out. So have the people running it. The analogy to global bankers is not only

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tempting here, but really painfully awkward at the very least. For some two decades now the international curator has stood atop the art heap surveying the scope of globalisation that neoliberalism begot with nary a concern for the consequences – artistic or otherwise. Tricked into a context in which all culture stood on equal footing, yet some cultural products remained more equal than others, his ready audience nodded approvingly at the often perfect conflation of financial and symbolic value. Culture budgets have been slashed by as much as 70 percent in Europe, and museums all over are scrambling to sell off some of their boom-time loot.

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